

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, November 12th, 1883.

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the City Hall. Present: Mayor Meredith, in the chair; Ald. Cowan, Boyd, O'Meara, Moore, Labatt, Skinner Hunt, Stringer, Browne, Becher, and A. S. Abbott, city clerk. Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted.

MR. NASH'S COMPLAINT.

Mr. Benj. Nash was, on motion, allowed to address the Council with reference to the charges he had brought against Inspector Bell. Referred to Committee No. 3.

STANDARD TIME.

Mr. E. B. Reed addressed the board, advising the adoption of the new standard time. He said it had been adopted in Toronto, and at midnight on the 17th inst. the city clock's would be turned on twenty minutes. He said the change here would amount to 23 or 24 minutes. Making the city time in harmony with railway time would prove a great public convenience. Kingston had done so, and Hamilton intended to take the same action, and now London was asked to fall in line. He read a letter on the subject.

Moved by Ald. Labatt, seconded by Ald. Stringer, and carried:

That in compliance with the communication of the deputy superintendent of the Meteorological Office of Toronto, the new standard time, to come into operation on the 18th day of November, inst., on the operation on the 18th day of November, inst., on the principal railway lines in the United States and Canada, be adopted as the time of this city, and that this Council petition the Dominion Government to make the standard time general over the Dominion.

RAILWAY VS. SCHOOL.

The following deputation, Messrs. Chas. A. Kingston, chairman, R. Bayly and A. McBride, of the Board of Education, addressed the Board, asking that some steps be taken to meet the difficulty to be occasioned by the construction of the London Junction Railway. It was contended that the new line, in addition to the G. T. R. now existing, would render the Central

School building practically useless for teaching purposes. It was advised that a new school site be procured, say near the military buildings, and it was suggested that the present one might be sold to the London Junction authorities as a terminus. The matter was referred to No. 1 Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS.

John Rollison, city clerk of St. Catharines—Copy of memorial to the Ontario Legislature proposing certain changes in connection with the regulation of police forces. No. 1.

Robert Coate—Asking return of \$4 50, being amount of Wellington street sewer rates said to have been illegally collected for two years. No. 1.

Chas. W. Kent—Asking permission to move a frame building at corner of Richmond and Lichfield streets. Granted.

Benjamin Slade and 39 others—A petition asking that permission be granted for the sale of fresh pork in the Market Bazar in less quantities than by the quarter. No. 3.

John Park and nine others, occupants of Covent Garden Market—Complaining that the occupants of the Market Bazar are being allowed undue privileges regarding the sale of fresh meat, and asking the Council to stop any further steps in this direction. No. 3.

Mrs. Kent, president of the W. C. A.—Asking a money grant for the association.

City Solicitor—Letter in reference to by-laws submitted. No. 3.

J. H. Flook, solicitor—Copy of report adopted by the London East Town Council, according to which the terms for water supply offered by the city are to be submitted by bylaw for the approval or otherwise of the ratepayers of the town. No. 3.

Rev. W. Hawkins, pastor of the B. M. E. Church, Grey street—Asking the free use of the City Hall on the night of Nov. 28 for a religious concert. Granted.

Rev. J. W. P. Smith, rector, and Justus